

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) An elevator apparatus, comprising:  
a plural number of elevators, being ~~disposed juxtaposing juxtaposed~~ with each other, each of said elevator having,  
an elevator car,  
a hoist,  
a rope, ~~and~~  
a counterweight  
and a hall side door guidance groove for letting the opening/closing door of the one elevator to project into a side of the other elevator when the open/close door is opened, wherein a ~~perpendieular~~ projection portion of the hoist of one of said elevators ~~has a portion overlapping on~~ overlaps a ~~perpendieular~~ vertical projection of the elevator car of the other elevator.

3 – 11 (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) An elevator apparatus, ~~as described in~~

~~the claim 11~~, wherein a guide rails are disposed on a rear surface of the elevator, having the open-close door portion in front, for allowing counterweights of the plural number of elevators to elevate.

13. (Original) An elevator apparatus, as described in the claim 11, wherein between the one elevator and the other elevator door, cases for receiving the open/close doors therein are disposed to overlap with each other in front and behind.

14 (Currently Amended) An elevator apparatus, as described in the claim 12, wherein a pulley is provide provided on each of said counterweights, on which pulley a rope for allowing the counterweight to elevate is suspended, and a controller means is provided in an upper portion of the elevating passage, in which the counterweight elevates.

15. (Original) An elevator apparatus, having a plural number of elevators provided juxtaposing with each other within an elevating passage, each elevator having an elevator car and a hoist, which is connected to the elevator car through a rope, wherein the hoist of one elevator projects above the elevator car of the other elevator, and comprising a hall side door guidance groove for allowing an open/close door of the one elevator to project to a side of the other elevator when said open/close door opens.

16. (Original) An elevator apparatus, as described in the claim 15, wherein rails are provided in a space defined between the plural numbers of elevator cars, on which the counterweights of the plural number of the elevators elevate.

17. (Original) An elevator apparatus, as described in the claim 15, wherein a guidance length of a door case for receiving said open/close door therein of the elevator car side is shorter than a door width of said open/close

door.

18. (Original) An elevator apparatus, as described in the claim 15, wherein said hall side door guidance groove can be used in common with the juxtaposing elevators.

19. (Original) An elevator apparatus, as described in the claim 15, further comprising a controller means for controlling, so that when stopping one of two (2) sets of elevators juxtaposing with each other among said plural numbers of elevators, the other elevator stops a floor different therefrom.

20. (Original) An elevator apparatus, as described in the claim 15, further comprising a controller means for controlling, so that when stopping two (2) sets of juxtaposing elevators among said plural numbers of elevators at a same floor, while an open/close door of the one elevator opens, an open/close door of the other elevator is kept to close.